

In the claims:

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1-4 (cancelled).

5 (withdrawn). A method of making a phosphono substituted dipyrromethane, comprising:

reacting a halo-substituted dipyrromethane with a phosphite to produce a phosphono-substituted dipyrromethane;

wherein said phosphite is selected from the group consisting of dialkyl phosphites, diaryl phosphites, and dialkylaryl phosphites;

and wherein said phosphono is selected from the group consisting of dialkyl phosphono, diaryl phosphono, and dialkylaryl phosphono.

6 (withdrawn). The method of claim 5, wherein said halo is coupled to said dipyrromethane by a linking group, said linking group selected from the group consisting of alkyl, aryl, alkylaryl, and alkylarylalkyl groups.

7 (withdrawn). The method of claim 5, wherein said halo is selected from the group consisting of chloro, bromo and iodo.

8 (original). A 5-phosphonodipyrromethane, wherein said phosphono is selected from the group consisting of dialkyl phosphono, diaryl phosphono, and dialkylaryl phosphono.

9 (original). The 5-phosphonodipyrromethane according to claim 8, wherein said phosphono is coupled to said dipyrromethane by a linking group.

10 (original). The 5-phosphonodipyrromethane according to claim 9, wherein said linking group is selected from the group consisting of alkyl, aryl, alkylaryl, and alkylarylalkyl groups.

11 –21 (cancelled).

22 (withdrawn). A 9-halo, 5-phosphono, 1-acyldipyrromethane compound wherein said phosphono is selected from the group consisting of dialkyl phosphono, diaryl phosphono, and dialkylaryl phosphono.

23 (withdrawn). The compound of claim 22, wherein said halo is selected from the group consisting of chloro, bromo and iodo.

24 (withdrawn). The compound of claim 22, wherein said phosphono is coupled to said dipyrromethane by a linking group.

25-50 (cancelled).